

Possibly Rain Tonight
Sunday, Cloudy and
Warmer.

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MARTIN'S WIFE SEARCHES CITY FOR STRONG BOX

Failure of Realty Firm
Shows Indescrib-
able Tangle.

Liabilities May Reach As
High As \$178,-
000.

Some of Creditors Signed
Blank Notes for
Thomas R. Martin.

Because a woman's faith in her husband never wavered in the hour of his accusation, there is a chance that the business name of the firm of Martin Bros., local real estate men and brokers, may be partly saved, and that the name of Thomas R. Martin, one of the brothers, may be relieved of the cloud of suspicion now about it.

It was Mrs. Thomas R. Martin who, when her husband lay ill in a sanitarium in Baltimore a few days ago and his creditors were clamoring for payment, went with an attorney from bank to bank and from trust company to trust company until she found a safe deposit box under the name of Thomas R. Martin. And now it is Mrs. Martin who, when receivers for the business of Martin Bros. have been appointed, maintains that securities will be found in the box to cover her husband's and the firm's indebtedness.

The box cannot be opened until the receivers, who were appointed yesterday afternoon, Guy H. Thompson and Joseph D. Sullivan, apply to the court for authority to look into it.

Accounts All Mixed.

These receivers were named by Chief Justice Clabaugh, of the District Supreme Court. Today they are in charge of the firm's offices, at 1935 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. They have, so far, found the accounts of the firm in a wonderful and indescribable confusion. It was Thomas R. Martin who handled the loan part of the business the last few years, and it is this branch of the firm's activities that they have found so badly involved.

Unless securities are found in the safe deposit box or elsewhere, it will be certain that Thomas R. Martin indulged in a system of finance that recalls the Waggoner failures, and that the receivers, leaving out the probability that securities will be found in the strong box, is as follows:

Three Estates Hard Hit.

The Watterson estate has been hit for \$40,000, without a thing in sight to recover on.

Two other estates were badly hit. Thomas R. Martin took money from people and gave them notes for it, no matter how small the sum they brought him.

He paid interest on the notes up until a few weeks ago. The liabilities, which at present can only be guessed at, are variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$178,000. So far, no one, neither the receivers nor the Martin family, has been able to advance any explanation of what Thomas R. Martin did with the money. They found no evidence of playing the stock market, and they secured any evidence to point to high living.

Mrs. Thomas R. Martin has implicit faith that the securities to make the losses good will be found. The couple, with their daughter, lived well, although not extravagantly, at their home, 1735 Park road northwest.

Martin at Baltimore.

According to the attorney for the Martin brothers, A. E. Leckie, Thomas R. Martin is now ill in a sanitarium in Baltimore. By his family he is described as being greatly broken down in health and suffering from nervousness. The affairs in connection with the receivership are being conducted on the ground that Thomas R. Martin is not well enough to perform work or business.

The appointment of the receivers, the action that brought the affairs of the concern to a crisis, was based on a bill in equity filed by Lee R. Martin, one of the firm, against his brother, Thomas R. Martin, to have the partnership dissolved and an accounting made of the affairs of the firm.

In the bill Lee Martin makes the following charges:

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Rain is probable tonight and Sunday in the eastern portion of the Middle Atlantic States, and possibly in the upper Ohio valley. The temperature will rise slowly in the Ohio valley and the lower lake region and in the Middle Atlantic States Sunday.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh northerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 42
12 noon 45
1 p. m. 46

SUN TABLE.
Sun sets today 6:22
Sun rises tomorrow 5:35

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 2:35 p. m.
Low tide today 9:24 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 3:45 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 10:30 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., April 6.—Both rivers clear, and in fine condition.

Czar In Collapse, Wife Heartbroken, Michael Regent



Infant Heir to Russian Throne, for Whom Grand Duke Michael Will Act as Regent if Nicholas Abdicates; and His Mother, the Czar's Broken-hearted Wife.

NON-UNIONISTS QUIT WORK ON CITY BUILDING

Plumbers Having Left,
Other Laborers Go
on With Job.

The four plumbers employed by the contractor on the Municipal Building were not at work today, but all the other mechanics who stopped work yesterday because of the presence of the four plumbers were working hard this morning, just as if nothing unusual had occurred within the last twenty-four hours. And Contractor Parsons smiled pleasantly when asked today if there was anything new in the situation.

Everything, he said, was running along smoothly except that plumbing work had been suspended until the man who is doing the plumbing makes arrangements to employ union plumbers. Nolan & Son, who have the contract for the plumbing in the Municipal building, when asked today about the plumbing work trouble, said: "We have nothing to say about the Municipal building work."

The "pulling" of the mechanics on the Municipal building may have a far-reaching effect on building operations should the dispute over sections five and six of the award made by the arbitrators continue. The journeymen plumbers, through their organization, local No. 5, have decided that they will not again submit the matter to the arbitrators, that there is but one interpretation to be placed on the disputed sections, and that is that the shop rules under the contracts of 1903 are still in force, and binding on the master plumbers and the journeymen, and that under those rules the journeymen were bound to abide by the rules and regulations of local No. 5.

The committee of seventeen, representing the building trades, which, through the master plumbers and the journeymen last summer to submit to arbitration, indorses the stand taken by the journeymen. It was not until this action had been taken that Local No. 5 called off its members from the Municipal Building, and when the men refused to obey the order of the union they were suspended, which, in effect, placed them outside the union.

Judge William H. DeLacy, who was yesterday appointed by the arbitrators to act as umpire of the conference committee from the master plumbers and the journeymen, has accepted. Judge DeLacy's selection is said to be acceptable to both sides. However, it can be stated on authority that the journeymen will permit the judge to pass only on questions of grievance that may arise in the future.

NICHOLAS MAY RESIGN WITHIN COMING MONTH

Military Dictatorship to
be Established Under
Ignatieff.

LONDON, April 6.—The Daily Mirror, one of the Harmsworth publications, announces on what it claims to be excellent authority that the Czar of Russia will resign within a month and that the Grand Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the czar-elephant.

It adds that the Duma will be abolished and a military dictatorship will be formed with the object of stamping out revolution and ending the present anarchy in Russia. The paper further says that the czar's mind has completely given away lately and that he has shown himself to be incapable of performing the smallest duties of his rank.

The Mirror submitted this report to the Russian embassy, where it was denied. Nevertheless, it insists that its information is correct and that the details of the scheme, which is now definitely settled, have been decided in outline for a month.

Unable to Sign Name.

The Mirror says the Czar is at times unable to sign his name, and whenever any state matter is brought to him, he trembles like a child. Something like a panic has reigned of late in the royal household. The Czarina is almost heartbroken at the pitiable plight of her husband.

The certainty of his forced abdication, which has long been dawning upon him, has been hastened by the drift of circumstances and his own breakdown. Now, tired of it all, he is willing enough to sink into obscurity and yield the reins of office to a stronger man.

Michael Grief-Stricken.

The Grand Duke Michael is grief-stricken at his brother's condition. He has shrunk from the responsibility of taking over the control of the great empire, but as the result of a series of family conclaves, in which the Dowager Czarina took a leading part, he has been convinced of the necessity of sacrificing himself.

Immediately the regency is declared some important diplomatic changes will be made. Count Benckendorff will be promoted from the embassy here to one of the highest appointments in St. Petersburg. He is a great favorite of

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RALLY TO FLAG OF ROOSEVELT AGAINST CABAL

President Receiving As-
surances of Support
From Public Men.

General Opinion That
Administration Will
Win the Fight.

Taft Boom to Be Pushed,
With Iowa in the
Van.

President Roosevelt is already getting returns on his pronouncement that there is a cabal of big interests to fight the perpetuation of his policies, in Congress and in national convention. He is receiving assurances from great numbers of public men that they will stand with him in the fight to which he is summoning the country, and they express, in general, approval of the course he has taken. It is true that there are exceptions in some cases, including some officials who are connected with the Administration, and who believe the President has started his fight about a year too early.

But among the people who have heard most of the intimate details of his plans from the President, the general opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt is playing the game right, and that he is likely to win.

Corroborative Evidence.

In spite of the denial of Senator Penrose, the story that it was he who first talked of the rich men's conspiracy was repeated today from a new authority—that of a man who is said to have heard the President tell it as it was brought to him. It is said positively that at the dinner at which the matter came out there were three other Senators. That the report was of such definite character, and considered by politicians deserving of serious attention, is apparently shown by the fact that each of those three other Senators hurried afterward to the President to tell him what had passed.

There is still considerable mystery as to the whereabouts and time of the dinner. One story is that it was one of a series of small "feeds" given by Senator Bourne, of Oregon, at the Shoreham Hotel, in the latter part of February. Senator Bourne declines to discuss the matter, and the most diligent inquiry at the Shoreham fails to fix the date.

Spinn-Like Hotel Clerk.

When the clerk was approached with a request for information on the subject, he called up the steward on the house telephone.

"The press wants the date of the Bourne dinner," he shouted. "Don't know!" he exclaimed, evidently repeating the steward's reply. "Well, that's funny. Who would know? Well, ask the steward, then. He knows everything of course."

There was a wait of two or three minutes. "Hello," cried the clerk, resuming the telephone talk. "The head waiter does not know? Well, that is queer. Say," he said, turning to the prominent Republican who was held at some other hotel. "The head waiter would know, if anybody would, for he knows everything."

Pushing the Taft Boom.

Very plainly, the Taft movement is to be pushed into more prominence in connection with the President's attacks on his enemies. It has come out that there is already a movement on foot to line up Iowa for Taft. Friends of the President have it in hand, and they are urging that if Iowa will get into the Taft bandwagon early, it will have great influence on developments in neighboring States, and will also help Taft in Ohio.

It is strongly suspected that Iowa is in fact to be given the distinction of the chance to lead off in the Taft movement, if the President's friends there are confident that they can deliver the State with a fighting, instructed delegation. It is stated that prominent Republican politicians of the State are anxious to take up the movement.

The situation in Iowa, however, is suggestive of possibilities in other States. Governor Cummins is regarded by many of his supporters as excellent Presidential material, and they have supposed since Secretary Shaw went to New York that it would be easy to force Cummins into a prominent Presidential position by giving him the Iowa delegation. The Taft movement will be given the support of anti-Cummins Republicans in Iowa, but whether the Cummins crowd will rush to its support is not considered so certain.

However, the Roosevelt-Taft people from Iowa who are now in Washington, and it is said others who have left, believe they can deliver the State for Taft if the President pushes it along.

Insidious Scheme To Help President While Knifing Him

That the President had paved the way for a comparatively easy success of his policies in the next session of Congress, is one of the things politicians say is plain, as a result of the recent remarkable series of political developments.

The anti-Roosevelt people are going to disarm the President, it is declared, by

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Selecting Winner Of Weekly Prize In Beauty Contest



MRS. VOLER V. VILES,
One of the Entries Last Week Who Gave Mrs. Norman a
Close Contest. She Lives at 330 Maryland
Avenue Northeast.

PUT HARRIMAN BEHIND BARS FOR A WHILE

Official at the Interstate
Commission Makes
Suggestion.

"The spectacle of Mr. Harriman in jail, if only for five minutes, would be more helpful to the moral uplift now in progress in this country than anything else just at present," said an official at the Interstate Commerce Commission, following the conclusion of the arguments by counsel in the Harriman investigation. "And that is what is going to be presented to the community, if possible."

Continuing, this official said:

Why Harriman Presented Arguments.

"It seems plain enough, now, why the Harriman lawyers wanted to present arguments to the commission about the legality and regularity of the Alton deal, and in favor of the theory that the consolidation of the Union and Southern Pacific was not a violation of the Sherman act. They hoped by doing this to make so good a case, and to so far impress the commission with the earnestness of their protestations of intention to be good in future, as to induce the commission to give up its plan of sending the evidence to the Department of Justice. Well, the plan will not succeed. The evidence which the commission has taken will go to the Department of Justice, and there is excellent ground for saying that delay in starting prosecution will be just as brief as possible."

San Pedro Contract Riddled.

The trend of the arguments presented by the Harriman lawyers, and of the replies by the attorneys for the commission, indicated plainly that both sides believe the strong point for the Government and the weak one for Harriman is in the contract between the Harriman system and the San Pedro road, by which the latter bound itself to subordinate itself in all traffic and operating matters to the Harriman traffic department. The Government's lawyers riddled this contract and insisted that it was an especially rank arrangement in restraint of trade.

No Quarter Will Be Given.

It is rumored that the publication of the Sidney Webster letter of Mr. Harriman was the most unfortunate thing that has happened for the Union Pacific magnate since his feud with the President began. But for that, Harriman's promises to be good, taken together with the fact that some members of the Interstate Commission are opposed on principle to criminal prosecutions under the Sherman act, might have availed to induce the commission to give up prosecution. But such an outcome was impossible after the Webster letter and

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JEROME ADMITS DEFEAT

Will Make No Further
Effort to Delay
Case.

Convinced Verdict of
Lunacy Board
Is Final.

Opposing Counsel Line
Up for Final
Struggle.

NEW YORK, April 6.—With a definite announcement by the district attorney that he would make no further attempt to upset the finding of the lunacy commission who declared Harry K. Thaw sane, the famous case today swept toward the climax of freedom or death for the prisoner.

The district attorney acknowledged himself beaten. He could find no basis for an appeal from the decision of the lunacy board to a higher court, as he declared he would when that decision was first made public. Consultation with the most eminent legal authorities in New York city finally convinced him that the board's decision must stand. Both sides today, therefore, pressed on with the preparations for the last chapter of the trial—the summing up. From what could be gathered from as much of these preparations as became known, this summing up promises to be one of the greatest of opposed legal arguments ever heard in the courts of New York, or indeed, anywhere in the country.

Reaches the Vital Point.

It was conceded today that the trial has now resolved itself into the question:

"Was Harry K. Thaw sane when he killed Stanford White?" That question Delmas, the eloquent attorney of California, will answer in the negative. He will review the defense case, including its hard facts and wearisome repetitions with the warmth of living argument as he is permitted to do only in this phase of the case.

It was stated today that Delmas will take up a whole session of the court with his final word. That will occur on Monday when the jury will reassemble. Both Delmas and Jerome have agreed to call no more witnesses. By Monday night all that can be done for Thaw will have been done.

For the Final Appeal.

On Tuesday the district attorney will sum up for the prosecution. It was said in the Criminal Courts Building today that Jerome will take less time than Delmas plans to take. Four hours was stated as the limit of the district attorney's last appeal for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Jerome after all his shifting of ground, is now prepared to declare that Thaw was sane when he killed White. Again will come the case, including its hard facts and wearisome repetitions with the warmth of living argument as he is permitted to do only in this phase of the case.

Justice Fitzgerald may or may not deliver his charge to the jury on Tuesday. It was generally believed today that this charge will be brief. In that case he may choose to turn over the case to the jury on the same afternoon that the district attorney will have finished his closing address. He may, however, choose to wait until Wednesday morning. Thursday, undoubtedly, it was said today, will see the end of the great trial.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was an early caller at the Tombs today. She will come to the trial, and she will be there until the hour when all visitors are excluded from the prison. Mrs. Thaw looked bright and cheerful.

PETTUS PROTESTS AGAINST HUNDLEY

Venerable Senator Pettus of Alabama called at the White House this morning with a "kick." He lodged a protest against the prospective appointment of Oscar S. Hundley as United States district judge for the additional vacancy recently created by Congress.

"Hundley is a fit man for the place," declared Senator Pettus. "Ninety per cent of the men of his own party are against him. In fact, I don't know anyone that wants him, except the 'referees' down there, Messrs. Scott and Thompson, who seem to have a great deal more to do with fixing up offices for people than with the rest of the Republic's business. This 'referee' business is a novelty; it is a new office, and I hope to goodness it won't last long."

Senator Pettus said that there are a great many "real good men" in the Republican ranks in Alabama, any one of whom would be a much better choice than Hundley. Although Mr. Hundley's appointment has not been formally announced, it is understood that the President has practically decided to name him.

The Second Adam.

Mr. Benjamin H. Barton, a theologian of international reputation, will speak at 3 p. m. Sunday, April 7, in Fyfe Hall, Temple, 1012 Ninth st. n.w., on "The Second Adam, His Bride and His Children."—Adv.

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